

# UENO PARK AND ZOO

UENO PARK is a stroll into history, culture and unsurpassed natural scenery. Ueno Park was the last stand of the devastated shogun armies, which fell to the Imperial forces in 1868. Shortly thereafter it became Tokyo's first city park. Trees, flowers and shrubs were sent from all over Japan to be planted at Ueno, and its manicured walks and tree-lined lanes are a favorite spot for many. Kaneiji Temple is also inside the park. During the Tokugawa regime, it was the most important Buddhist center in Edo, encompassing all the land that now form Ueno Park. The main hall, Kiyomizudo Hall and the Five Storied Pagoda are the only reminders of its former grandeur. Ueno is also a treasure trove of museums and the world famous Ueno Zoological Gardens.

## 1. UENO ZOO Tel: 03-3828-5171

Hours: 0930 - 1700 (Gate closes at 1600)

Admission: 15~64 years old: ¥600 Over 65 years old: ¥300  
12~14 years old: ¥200 Children under 11 years old: FREE

## 2. TOKYO NATIONAL MUSEUM Tel: 03-3822-1111

Hours: 0930 - 1630 (Doors close at 1600)

Admission: Adults: ¥420 College and Senior high students: ¥130

\* Separate charges for special exhibitions Junior high and Elementary students: Free

*The oldest and largest museum in Japan, the Tokyo National Museum houses the best collection of Japanese art and archeology in the world. Prior to World War II, it was known as the Imperial Household Museum. There are three main buildings. In the center is the main building for Japanese art. On the right is the Toyokan, a gallery containing an excellent collection of art and archeology primarily from China and Korea. The Kyokeikan, on the left, houses the Japanese archeological collections and early Buddhist objects. Also included is the Horyuji Treasure House, an impressive collection of early Japanese art from the Horyuji Temple in Nara presented to the Imperial Household in 1876. Most of the work is from the Asuka and Nara periods and includes Buddhist sculpture, masks, textiles, metal work and some paintings.*

## 3. TOKYO METROPOLITAN ART MUSEUM Tel: 03-3823-6921

Hours: 0900 - 1630 (Doors close at 1600)

Admission: Not fixed, varies with each exhibit

*All of them are Works of contemporary Japanese artists. The collection includes prints, calligraphy, sculpture and handicrafts.*

## 4. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WESTERN ART Tel: 03-3828-5131

Hours: 0900 - 1700, Friday: 0930 - 2000 (Admission ends 30 min. before closing time)

Admission: Adult: ¥420 Students (over 15 years old): ¥130 Child (under 15 years old): Free

\*Separate charges for special exhibitions

*Exhibits in the fields of natural history, physical sciences and technology.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Zoo and Museums are closed on Mondays and the day after a Japanese Holiday (usually open on Japanese holidays). They are also closed for the New Year holiday (from about 25 or 26 Dec. until 4 Jan.) You may ask Fleet and Family Service Center I & R Specialists to phone for definite dates.

While you are in the area, you may also want to explore the AMEYAYOKOCHO shopping district across from the train station at the foot of the hill. Famous for its hundreds of tiny discount shops and open air market, you

can find a wide variety of goods, including larger sized clothing, leather, imported cheese and much more. There are also dozens of small, inexpensive restaurants in the area where you can make a good lunch of noodles, tempura, yakitori and many other specialties.

## 👉 HOW TO GET THERE:

### From Yokosuka

1. Go to YOKOSUKA CHUO 横須賀中央 Station and buy a ¥790 transfer ticket for UENO 上野, which is on JR YAMANOTE J R 山手線 Line in TOKYO 東京.
2. Go to track #2 and board a GREEN or RED KANJI train bound for SHINAGAWA 品川.
3. At SHINAGAWA, transfer to JR YAMANOTE Line. Pass through the wicket leading to JR Lines (bilingual signs show the way), but do not give up your ticket.
4. Go to track #1 and take JR YAMANOTE Line train 9 stops to UENO.
5. Walk toward the front of the train and go up the stairs. At the top of the steps go through the wickets immediately to your left (give up your ticket here). From here, the park entrance is directly across the street.

### From Ikego

1. Go to JIMMUJI 神武寺 Station and buy a ¥740 transfer ticket for UENO 上野, which is on JR YAMANOTE J R 山手線 Line in TOKYO 東京.
  2. Take a train from track #2 to KANAZAWA BUNKO 金沢文庫 and change to a GREEN or RED KANJI train bound for SHINAGAWA 品川.
- 3. Continue with #3 above.**



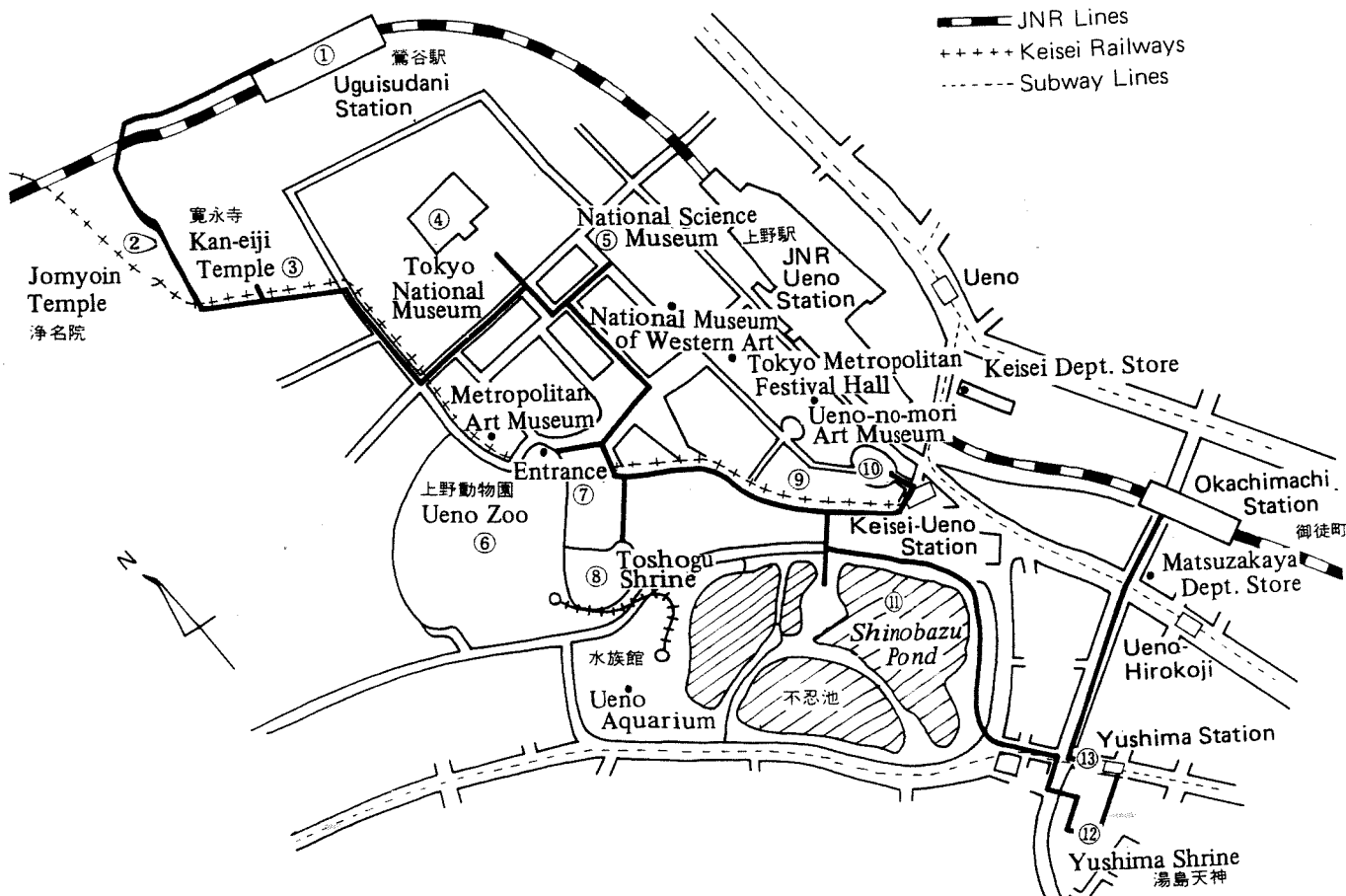
## RETURN:

1. For your return trip you must buy two separate tickets. Buy one ticket at Ueno for JR YAMANOTE Line to SHINAGAWA.
2. At KEIKYU Line ticket window at SHINAGAWA, turn in your JR YAMANOTE Line ticket and ask for a ticket to YOKOSUKA CHUO or JIMMUJI (for IKEGO). The total cost for both tickets will be the same as for the transfer ticket you had earlier.

year-end—New Year season. Its Annex, Craft Museum, is also in the park's enclosure.

- 10 **Higashi Gyoen** (東御苑), or **East Garden**, a 53-acre classical garden, which was once the site of the great donjon of Edo Castle, contains some 250,000 trees including representative perfectural trees, several historical monuments and a lovely garden-within-a-garden named "Ninomaru Garden." Open 9—4 daily except Mondays and Fridays. Last admission is 3 p.m. Closed for occasional Imperial ceremonies.

## Ueno Park and Vicinity



## AKIHABARA · UENO

